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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in Cottbus, Sperenberg and the Templin AreaEVALUATION 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

2. Prior to 28 November, Camp Schumke (3441) in Sperenberg was occupied as previously by approximately 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer and motor transport insignia. 25X1

3. The unit with the track-laying amphibious vehicles still stored its vehicles inside the camp. On 22 November, the construction of a vehicle shed reportedly started north of Hege See near Sperenberg. 2 25X1

4. The following movements by tanks and artillery, and artillery firing were observed in the Templin area between 18 and 26 November: 25X1

18 November. At about 1500, 6 SP guns, presumably 152-guns, 25X1

came from the direction of Hammelspring and proceeded toward Vogelsang. 3 25X1

At about 1515, 6 trucks 25X1

towing 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and carrying approximately 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets came from the direction of Storkow and proceeded toward Vogelsang. 25X1

19 November. At about 0800, many reports of machine guns and artillery were heard from the area of the Tangersdorff firing range. At about 1030, 18 trucks 25X1

towing 18 x 122-mm field howitzers came from the direction of Vogelsang and proceeded toward Grunewald. At about 1100, reports were heard from the area of the Tangersdorff firing range. At about 1600, an artillery column, presumably the same as observed in the morning returned from the direction of Grunewald and proceeded toward Vogelsang. 4 25X1

22 November. At about 1200, approximately 10 T-34 and JS-3 tanks came from the direction of Taddelin and passed through Templin. The column proceeded toward Vogelsang. 3 25X1

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23 November. At about 1530, reports of artillery were heard from the Tangersdorf firing range.

24 November. At about 1245, 4 trucks [redacted] towing 4 AT guns and carrying approximately 60 soldiers left Vogelsang and went toward Hammelspring. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. At 0700, a train of approximately 20 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with approximately 30 trucks, 12 canvas-covered guns, presumably AT guns, and 2 field kitchens was seen at the Templin railroad station. The train which was headed toward Vogelsang had left at 1000.

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25 November. Between 1000 and 1500, reports of artillery were heard from the direction of Roedelin.⁴ After 1000, trucks [redacted] carried baggage from the direction of Vogelsang to the Templin railroad station. At 1600, approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black epaulets and steel helmets and carrying small arms were seen on the loading ramp, while approximately 60 officers with artillery and tank insignia were seen in the waiting room. Approximately 20 boxcars and 10 flatcars with sideracks were standing on a siding.⁵

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26 November. At about 1230, 4 trucks towing 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and carrying approximately 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and truck [redacted] with baggage went from the direction of Vietannsdorf toward Templin.⁴

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1. [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The unidentified unit equipped with truck-lying amphibious vehicles is believed to be still stationed in Camp Schumke (3441) near Sperenberg. If the information that a vehicle shed was under construction north of Hege Lake near Sperenberg is correct, it would indicate that the unidentified amphibious unit will probably continue to be stationed in the Sperenberg area and to use Hege Lake as its water training site. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] It is, however, believed that the tanks observed belonged to the elements of the 25th Tank Div which are permanently stationed in Camp Vogelsang (4823). 25X1

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Artillery units of the 25th Tank Div have not been permanently stationed in the Templin-Vogelsang area prior to the completion of the 1954 fall maneuvers. Elements of the unidentified Arty Regt of the 25th Tank Div or, more probably the medium mortar battalion of the unidentified Mort Regt of the 25th Tank Div from Prenzlau, which was probably reequipped with 122-mm field howitzers, may have transferred to Camp Vogelsang after the termination of the fall maneuvers for an undetermined period.

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[redacted] Artillery firing at this time of the


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year as well as the observation of guns in the previous quarters of the unidentified Arty Regt of the 25th Tank Div. in the kaserne southeast of Berliner Strasse (4742) in Prenzlau after the fall maneuvers, support the latter assumption.

5  Comment. The units which were entrained at the Templin railroad station on 24 and 25 November cannot be identified.

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